

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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v.

CASE NUMBER 6:21-CR-00074-JCB

MARIA ELIZABETH LOPEZ,

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**FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON GUILTY PLEA
BEFORE THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), this matter has been referred by the District Court for administration of a plea of guilty under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

On August 18, 2022, this cause came before the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge for a plea of guilty to an Indictment charging the Defendant in Count One with a violation of Title 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I) and (a)(1)(B)(i) – Conspiracy to Transport certain aliens for commercial advantage or private financial gain. After conducting said proceeding in the form and manner prescribed by Federal Criminal Procedure Rule 11, the undersigned finds that:

- a. the Defendant, after consultation with counsel of record, has knowingly and voluntarily consented to the administration of the Guilty Plea in this cause by a United States Magistrate Judge, subject to a final acceptance and imposition of sentence by the District Judge;
- b. the Defendant and the government have entered into a plea agreement which has been filed and disclosed in open court pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure Rule 11(c)(2);
- c. the Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that the Defendant is aware of the nature of the charges, the maximum penalties, and the consequences of

the plea, and that the plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of the offense; and

d. the Defendant understands each of the constitutional and statutory rights enumerated in Rule 11(b) and wishes to waive these rights, including the right to a trial by jury.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that the District Court accept the Plea Agreement and the Guilty Plea of the Defendant and that **MARIA ELIZABETH LOPEZ** should be finally adjudged guilty of that offense.

Defendant has waived her right to object to the findings of the Magistrate Judge in this matter so the Court will present this Report and Recommendation to District Judge J. Campbell Barker for adoption immediately upon issuance.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 18th day of August, 2022.



JOHN D. LOVE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE